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22. (Amended) An airway adapter according to claim 1, and operative to nullify the effects of differing internal diameters and internal lengths which are used in endotracheal tube adaptors.

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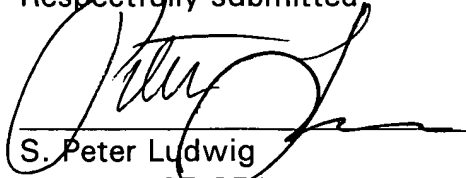
The specification has been amended to make reference to the prior application.

Claims 14, 15, 16, 20, 21 and 22 have been amended to eliminate any multiple claim dependency. This is being done to reduce filing fees and not for any reason related to patentability of such claims.

A marked-up version of the amendments pursuant to 37 CFR 1.121 is enclosed.

Entry of this amendment is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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IN THE SPECIFICATION:

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IN THE CLAIMS:

14. (Amended) An airway adaptor according to [either of claims 12 and 13] claim 12, and wherein an internal diameter of said passage increases towards an end of said passage near said sampling port.

15. (Amended) An airway adapter according to [either of claims 12 and 13] claim 12, and wherein said inner bore of said passage has an internal diameter essentially equal to the internal diameter of said inner bore of said endotracheal tube adapter, thereby providing an approximately smooth-walled transition from said inner bore of said endotracheal tube adapter to said inner bore of said passage.

16. (Amended) An airway adaptor according to [either of claims 12 and 13] claim 12, and wherein said end of said sleeve distant from said sampling port abuts against said end of said inner bore of said endotracheal tube passage, thereby resulting in virtual elimination of void volume between said inner bore of said endotracheal tube adapter and said internal bore of said sleeve.

20. (Amended) An airway adapter according to [either of claims 12 and 13] claim 12, and wherein said sampling port has openings located radially distant from the walls of said passage.

21. (Amended) An airway adapter according to [any of the previous claims] claim 1, and wherein an end of said sleeve distant from said sampling port is constructed of a pliant material.

22. (Amended) An airway adapter according to [any of the previous claims] claim 1, and operative to nullify the effects of differing internal diameters and internal lengths which are used in endotracheal tube adaptors.